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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) There is no formal classification of Industries as "Heavy". It is, therefore, not possible to give the required information. However, so far as public sector units under the Department of Heavy Industry are concerned, there is no proposal at present to set up any new public sector units during the Ninth Plan.

Production and export targets for Heavy Industries

†2413. DR. D. MASTHAN:

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production targets had been fixed for Heavy Industries in 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the target fixed for these industries;

(c) the export target fixed out of this production; and

(d) whether production and export during the first nine months of the year was according to target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) There is no formal classification of industries as 'heavy'. However, a target of production of Rs. 14107.67 crore for 2000-2001 was fixed for the Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs) under the administrative control of the Department of Heavy Industry.

(c) These PSUs anticipate to achieve exports of Rs. 2112.49 crore during the year.

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(d) Actual production, including exports, during the first nine months of the year was Rs. 6618.01 crore, which was 79.39% of the target.

Setting up of Inquiry Commission to look into causes for PSUs becoming sick

2414. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will consider to set up a Commission to enquire about the cases of loss of CPSUs and find out who are the persons responsible for the industries becoming sick;

(b) whether it is a fact that BIFR and Central Vigilance Commission has stated that bad, inefficient and corrupt management is the main cause of sickness; and

(c) whether Government will like to fix the accountability on all Chairman and Managing directors who were incharge of these sick industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) The reasons for sickness in any industry including CPSUs are manifold and may vary from unit to unit. However, some of the common reasons include obsolete plant and machinery, outdated technology, low capacity utilisation, resource crunch, high-interest burden, excess man-power, weak marketing strategy etc. Within broad guidelines issued from time to time, concerned administrative Ministries take suitable measures for checking on losses, improving the efficiency and ensuring proper functioning of vigilance machinery in CPSUs including sick CPSUs. The Parliamentary Committee on Public Undertaking provides the apex vigilance. Presently, there is no proposal for setting up a Commission in this regard.